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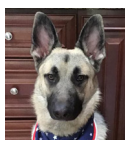

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Valley Patriot of the Month

World War II Vet Arthur Ducharme Sr. - US Navy; Beach Party Team 12

John Cuddy
VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

Dracut's Arthur Ducharme Sr. is a US Navy World War II Pacific Theater Veteran. He turned ninety-six on April 1st of this year. Arthur is the older brother of World War II Veteran, Joseph Alfred Ducharme, who served as a Military Police Officer at the Nuremburg trials in Germany and was featured last summer in the Valley Patriot.

Growing up in Pelham, New Hampshire, Arthur left school after completing the eighth grade to support his family, after his father died. His dad was electrocuted in an industrial accident, leaving behind a wife, four daughters and three sons. Arthur was the oldest at the time, and the burden fell on him, as a young teenager, to support the family, working at the American Woolen Company in Lawrence and Dracut, Massachusetts.

Like many of his generation, his life was altered by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Arthur joined the US Navy in March of 1943, reporting for training at the Sampson Naval Base in Romulus, New York. He contracted spinal meningitis while in Basic training, and nearly died. He was sent home for thirty days medical leave, then returned to finish basic training. After graduation, his entire training company was sent to Amphibious training at Little Creek, Virginia and Fort Pierce, Florida.

The wartime needs of the Navy, overrode any personal training desires. Half of Arthur's Recruit Company were selected to be Radiomen, the other half to become Signalmen. The US Navy Radiomen were responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities. US Navy Signalmen were responsible for transmitting, receiving, encoding, decoding, and distributing messages obtained via the visual transmission systems of flag semaphore, visual Morse code, and flag hoist signaling.

With a two-ocean war waging against Germany, Italy, and Japan, the US Military put very little effort into finding out what a recruit's educational background or aptitude was, the

Greatest Generation simply learned the skills needed to defeat the Axis powers. After the war, Arthur learned that the other half of his US Navy Signalmen classmates, were shipped to the European Theater and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

Arthur found himself assigned to Beach Party 12, attached to a unit of US Army Engineers, at Camp Picket, Virginia. His team was sent by rail to Camp Stoneman, California, and embarked on a US Navy LST (Tank

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Political activists have created a new term to label and stereotype Latinos in an attempt to find a "gender neutral" term of referring to Spanish speaking Americans from South or Central American countries.

We recognize this term "Latinx" as blatantly racist and an affront to everything that is Latino culture.

We refuse to use the term, and we urge other local media outlets to reject this term as well.

We don't know who these white, left-wing political activists (of privilege) think they are to tamper with and try to erase a basic foundational pillar of Latino culture, but it's pretty obvious that Spanish speaking Americans from South and Central America are having none of it.

Most of the Spanish speaking newspapers and media outlets have rejected this term. Most Latinos we spoke with in the valley reject this term, as well.

So, why are left-wing political extremists trying to force this name change onto a population that neither asked for, not welcomes the change?

We could spend 20 pages explaining the arrogance of that one, but the bottom line here is that those who try to police our language and demand social change in our vernacular, only do so in order to diminish and insult an entire race of "other" people.

Where is the respect for other cultures? Where is the tolerance?

The Spanish language - whichever variation of it you may speak - is predicated on masculine and feminine words. A group of Latin men would be called Latinos, whereas a group of Latin women would be Latinas. A group of mixed males and females would be considered by the masculine term Latino. The entire language is based on gender specific terms.

In fact, the entire Latino culture is based on gender specific roles and responsibilities.

That angers political activists in this country who are obsessed with wiping out all gender specific terms from our language. So, in the name of "inclusion", they are trying to force this term into our lexicon and demanding corporations and media outlets use it.

Sadly, we see this term used more and more in various news media outlets and we find that unacceptable. Most white owned corporations and media outlets are tripping over themselves to comply with the demands of white people of privilege, giving no thought at all as to what Latinos think of all this.

The Valley Patriot will never refer to Latinos as "Latinx" no matter what the social fad is this week.

Other news outlets and corporations should also reject this term - that is - if they truly are the "anti-racists" they pretend to be. ◊

Some Legislation I Am Filing This Session

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Massachusetts House of Representatives is in high gear working on newly filed legislation and passing a state budget. I have filed new bills this session pertaining to the environment, public safety, substance abuse prevention, mental health, Veterans, our National Guard, and more.

One issue I am working to address involves promoting reuse and recycling industries in Massachusetts. Recycling has become very costly and inaccessible for our cities and towns, and we need to find ways to strengthen recycling industries locally. This will save costs and reduce pollution from waste incineration, while also promoting economic growth.

I am also continuing work on the issue of combined sewer overflows (CSOs). Last session, the Merrimack Valley won a major victory when legislation I filed was signed into law requiring public notification of CSOs. This session, I have filed legislation to ensure wastewater treatment plants have sufficient back-up power to avoid discharging sewage during a power outage.

Our Veterans and National Guard members continue to be a priority. I have filed legislation with Rep. David Vieira of Falmouth to establish a memorial in the State House to historic woman Veteran Deborah Samson, who disguised herself as a man to fight in the Revolutionary War. I have also filed a bill to support National Guard members and their families who are relocating to Massachusetts by expanding their professional and educational opportunities.

As Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, I will also be reviewing legislation this session related to high-speed Internet access, data privacy, cybersecurity, the digital economy, and more. These issues affect us all on a daily basis and are essential to our economic growth and workforce development. I look forward to addressing these topics alongside my co-chair Senator Barry Finegold.

Additionally, the Special Oversight Committee that I chair to investigate the Holyoke Soldiers' Home COVID-19 outbreak is wrapping up its investigation and will soon release legislative recommendations to ensure that this kind of tragedy never happens again.

The Massachusetts House also just passed its version of the state budget, which makes robust investments in our economic recovery and provides support for those who have been most affected by the pandemic. This includes increased funding for local aid, education, housing, food security, social services, and businesses. More to come on this topic.

I was proud to secure funding for local programs in Methuen, Haverhill, and the Merrimack Valley, including for student mental health services, addiction recovery resources, efforts to support at-risk youth and reduce gang violence, park improvements, cultural center renovations, and support for our business community. The budget now goes to the Senate.

State Representative Linda Dean Campbell represents the cities of Methuen and Haverhill in the State Legislature. She serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced IT, the Internet and Cybersecurity and as Chair of the Special Joint Oversight Committee on the Holyoke Soldiers' Home COVID-19 Outbreak. She can be reached at Linda.Campbell@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2380. ◊

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LETTER: It's Time to Start Listening to Each Other

As a conservative in Massachusetts and one of the few Republicans on Beacon Hill I know how hard it can be to get a fair hearing or even have a decent conversation about the issues of today.

I also worry about what kind of country we will leave to our children and grandchildren when we're so divided, we can't even talk to each other, much less work together to solve our common problems.

That's why, a few years ago I decided to join an organization called Braver Angels.

Just as Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to summon their "better angels" to reunite after the bitter Civil War, Braver Angels calls on us to have the courage to begin healing our nation by listening to – and being heard by – people we don't agree with.

Braver Angels is a national nonprofit that tries to bring Americans of good faith together through highly structured, mutually respectful conversations about difficult topics.

Neither side tries to change anyone's mind – and neither side is allowed to engage in name calling or attacks. The objective is to engage with others with whom we disagree to find common ground and ways to work together.

In 2019 we hosted a Braver Angels workshop in Newbury where I led a group of people who "lean red" to have these conversations with an equal number of people who "lean blue."

The event was structured with break out groups answering questions about themselves, how they view those on the other side, and how we think they view us. It was totally civil and respectful, informative and revealing.

I recently volunteered as the "Red" co-chair of the newly formed Braver Angels Greater Boston alliance, which is actively looking for more conservative members to balance our largely "Blue" membership. The only requirements are a $12 annual membership fee and the courage to trust that you will be heard respectfully – and to in turn respectfully listen to those with whom you disagree.

If this sounds like the direction, you'd like our country to move in, join us for our next monthly virtual event May 10th from 7-8:30 PM. You'll hear a brief overview of Braver Angels, and have a chance to share with your Blue counterparts the life experiences that formed your political views.

Still on the fence? Drop me an email and I'm happy to tell you more about what it's like to be a "Red" member of Braver Angels. Please feel free to email me at Lenny.Mirra@gmail.com. These are challenging times, but that is when patriots show up to do the tough work to make our country stronger. You have nothing to lose but your mistrust!

Lenny Mirra
State Representative, Georgetown ◊

LETTER: Local Officials Should Embrace The Valley Patriot, Paying Attention Podcast

I recently purchased ads for the Valley Patriot and Paying attention podcast, not because we need the business but because we want to support both mediums. In my opinion the Valley Patriot and Paying Attention Podcast provide a valuable service to the citizens of the Merrimack Valley. That said I and many others don't always agree 100% with your personal opinions.

I am a strong believer that because you do not agree with another person that does not mean you can maintain family, personal or professional relationships with people you don't agree with. I took note of recent events that led to the fractured relationships between you and Methuen Mayor Perry as well as that of Methuen Councilor Simard. I also notice Methuen Councilor Faretra has stopped doing local food reviews for the Valley Patriot as well.

It is my hope that not only friendships can be repaired but professional relationships can be resumed as well. It is my belief that Mayor Perry, Counselors Simard and Faretra are truly good people that are trying to do good things for our beloved city. It is also my belief that Tom Duggan's intentions are coming from a good place. They just come from a different perspective. A perspective that sometimes needs to be blunt.

As a lifelong resident and a business owner in Methuen I consider myself seriously financially invested in my city. The success of our city rests on the success of our local leaders and their relationship with the local media. Thank you for your attention and I wish you all the best of luck moving forward.

Regards,
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KANE'S CORNER: Battle Grounds Coffee Company - Here to Serve

Dana and Salvatore DeFranco, founder and owners of the Battle Grounds Coffee Company are no strangers to hard work and fostering a sense of community. While completing college, The DeFrancos hatched a shared vision and weaved a coffee shop into the fabric of the Haverhill community where patrons gather on common grounds and share ideas. Kane encourages everyone to check it out.

Although not a coffee drinker himself, he was caught eyeballing several items from their outstanding menu and yes, he is quite a fan. Besides the coffee and food, what stood out most was the energy of Dana and Salvatore. As Kane observed, that energy is palatable and contagious. Kane felt an uptick in his mood and felt welcome among friends.

So, what makes Battle Grounds Coffee Company stand out? Glad you asked. It's an unwavering support for all that is good. An emphasis on collaboration, immersing themselves into the community in a unique way, and maybe most important, a steadfast support for first responders and veterans!

Salvatore strongly emphasized that he and Dana are very appreciative of law enforcement and are strong in their public display of support. This was music to Kane's ears. It was evident in the soul and strength of Sal's delivery when we discussed this important value. Imagine being truly appreciated regardless of societal trends. Kane is also a strong supporter of our first responders and veterans regardless of political trends.

Bringing veterans and first responders together is woven into the culture and mantra of the Battle Grounds Coffee Company. "Here to Serve"

Every Thursday morning, they host a Veterans Coffee hour where veterans of all ages and backgrounds have an opportunity to gather. Kane knows the value of having a place to gather because it breeds a sense of community and connection. As we've learned in past articles, having both is an important component of battling isolation or prevent distant divides to grow for anyone experiencing life transitions, stressors, or just everyday challenges. Having a welcoming location and opportunity to share a cup of brew is surprisingly effective.

Battle Grounds Coffee Company is beautifully decorated in these themes and even incorporates them in the names of their coffee roasts and menu items.

On May 16th Dana is organizing Coffee with a Cop. She was excited about the response received from local and state law enforcement agencies. This event will coincide with the addition of an outside patio.

Kane found Sal and Dana's background and drive intriguing. Both have strong roots in military culture. Sal served as a Navy SEAL and Dana is the granddaughter, daughter, and niece of military members of varied branches. Dana proudly reported that her grandfather "was quite a big deal" serving as a decorated war hero in the Battle of the Bulge.

Kane was curious about how Sal's own military service helped him in building a business. "The military teaches you fundamental skills, follow through, putting the team first, and accountability. Another important component is being responsible for the welfare of others. Sal communicated the importance of not giving up, working hard, and making the vision happen. He discussed the importance of life experiences.

Dana is also a hard charger and shared that she worked 7 days a week as an Occupational Therapist when the government shut down businesses during the pandemic, and now, she is in law school. Kane thought wow I bet these people don't sit around in the kitty pool in the backyard all day like he does. Maybe he should take his exercise plan more seriously.

As a side note, it's wonderful that these two hard charging people found each other. Not too many people could be finishing college, while opening up a business at the same time. In fact, Sal and Dana opened up Battle Grounds Coffee Company two days after getting married. It is heartwarming for Kane to hear the American Dream is very much alive for those willing to put their head down and work hard. Recently the business has grown to 20 employees.

So go check it out! The coffee is strong, the food is great and the company even better. Thank you, Sal and Dana, for backing the blue; you are both quite an inspiration.

Woof Kane Peaslee

Columnist the Valley Patriot ◊

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So Few Restaurants Get it Right - Here Are Three

Since businesses have reopened from the Coronavirus lockdowns, we have noticed that most of the restaurants we used to love to go to are now mailing it in. While we understand that service is not going to be as good as it was before the lockdowns as managers struggle to get more help, there is really no excuse for wrong orders, cold food, portions much smaller, while prices have gone up. Of the 10 restaurants we visited in the last month (some we have been going to faithfully for years) we can report only three of those restaurants did a good enough job to make our Above and Beyond list.

Rather than shame those restaurants that are getting it wrong by mentioning them by name, we thought it would help the community if they gave a free review to those restaurants that have stepped up their game since the lockdowns in the hopes that other restaurants will follow their example.

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We walked into Tomo at the busiest time of night. Friday at 8pm. The place was completely full but there was only a 10-minute wait for a table. By the time we placed our drink order at the bar our table was ready.

The appetizers came out quicker than we expected and our glasses were never empty before the waitress refilled them. Most hibachi restaurants don't really serve the best sushi. What they excel in at the hibachi table they usually lack in the sushi department. So, we weren't expecting much when we ordered the sushi, but were pleasantly surprised by the time we were done. So much so, that we ordered more, even though we were about to have a hibachi meal.

We ordered the Emperor's Delight and the Steak and Lobster dishes. First off, HUGE deep-sea scallops. For that alone we would be giving them high marks and committed to going back. They were tender, they were cooked perfectly, and they fell apart in our mouths.

The steak was also cooked perfectly and the rice, well you have to try to understand how good that was because we are at a loss for words on that one.

What's more, the portions were so big that we almost didn't finish it all. But instead of trying to rush us out towards the end of meal like most restaurants do, they let us hang around and take our time. By the time we were ready to leave there was literally nothing on anyone's plate.

In full disclosure Tomo's is an advertiser in this newspaper. But we assure you if we didn't think this experience was exceptional, we just would have left them out.

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There was no wait. The first thing we noticed when we sat down at Orzo was that the menu had not really changed since before the lockdowns. Many restaurants have trimmed down their menus and eliminated popular items to save money on inventory as they try to financially recover before we get back to normal.

As appetizers go, it's hard to find a restaurant that cooks calamari just right. Most places overcook it to the point where it's almost too rubbery to chew. Even seafood places that specialize in calamari usually cook it just a little too much. So, we normally do not judge a place for the calamari, but when we find a restaurant that serves calamari just right it's worth passing the word along to our readers.

It's also very difficult lately to find a place that will make steak the way we ask for it. The three restaurants we visited earlier in the week all got the steak order wrong. So, when we ordered steak at Orzo we weren't expecting much. We were both pleasantly surprised when both our steak orders were made to our liking, and when we looked at the menu it seemed like the price was actually lower than it was before the lockdowns. The portions also seemed bigger than before the lockdowns.

What's more, the service was exceptional. The waitress kept our drinks full, was very attentive despite being very busy, and there was no 20-minute wait after our meal was delivered like at the other restaurants we visited that week. It was a pleasant experience. Now, a restaurant that was never on our GO-TO list is now near the top of that list.

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There was no wait for a table. The first thing that excited us when we were seated at Joe Fish was that the owner had screwed in barn windows and sashes behind

RESTAURANTS: PAGE 11

40 Year Anniversary of The Still Unexplained Death of Elias J. Menkes MD at New England Deaconess Hospital

Elli had stopped at the hospital, before returning home from February break looking happier than all week away from his patients. He had been hired the previous year, barely 31 years old, as co-director of Intensive Care and director of Respiratory Therapy at the New England Deaconess Hospital for his many accomplishments in medicine. A job, unbeknownst to him, zealously coveted by a more senior colleague and surgeon there, Peter B., who vowed to make his life miserable for it and proceeded to do so. The reason we had spent our vacation contemplating a job offer Elli had received from Merck Pharmaceuticals to head their research facility in Switzerland.

"You should have seen for yourself," Elli said, still in the doorway of our apartment "when I arrived my patients looked like they were wilting. When I left, they were thriving like beautiful flowers in a garden." Asked how he had managed this transformation so quickly he said: "I tried to imagine what caused each patient the most acute discomfort and how it could be alleviated immediately. No fancy new technology, just adding a pillow or blanket, or removing it, - holding a hand, stroking a cheek." Elli lived to heal the sick, in fact the sickest. He worked at his research because he desperately wanted to find a cure for a hospital acquired pneumonia that killed his most fragile patients. But his calling was treating those patients. We both believed that his famed congeniality would eventually bring the combative surgeon around. But we were wrong. Peter B., having been at the Deaconess longer, had support among the medical staff to fight the newcomer every step of the way, even up to demanding that stabilized patients be kept in the ICU to the detriment of the more gravely ill who had to wait for critical intervention lying in corridors. An unconscionable condition that finally caused Elli to write a cautionary letter to his superior. Several weeks later his research was destroyed, wiping out years of hard work and his hope for that imminent cure. There was talk of an "inside job" signaling a personal threat directed at him and we began reconsidering the job offer from Merck. But that was not to be. The last time I saw Elli alive was on the most beautiful sunny Saturday morning of May 2, 1981 when I walked him to the elevator in our apartment building while our daughters aged 4 and 9 watched a show on TV. Elli had gone for Clinical Rounds, as customary on Saturdays, but didn't return home. By midday I had called is beeper several times and by 2:00 pm I phoned a colleague whom he considered somewhat friendly. Peter M. arrived with his wife and 2 daughters to pick me up, leaving his family with our children. Hospital security accompanied us to Elli's office, where I saw a figure resembling him slumped sideways in his chair. Dead, I was told, by suicide. A hospital psychiatrist Paul H. at the site explained that Elli had been diagnosed with Leukemia and apparently chosen to kill himself rather than suffer the disease. Nothing of what I saw or heard made sense to me. Least of all that this look-alike figure was Elli, had contracted a deadly disease I knew nothing about and that he had killed himself without any indication of a Leukemia diagnosis in his medical records. A man devoted to saving lives!

A special two-man police unit serving the Deaconess was called several hours later in accordance with the hospital's inside policy and recorded: "unexplained death." Years later they testified that they had not heard the Leukemia story but of an alleged affair I supposedly had with a doctor at the hospital, that Elli was to have walked in on that morning. Obviously, they hadn't believed it as they never called me to verify this grotesque lie, nor did they inquire who the affair doctor was, as they told me. The state medical examiner, George W. Katsas, notorious, for his indifference to accuracy and prone to corruption, obediently stated "suicide" on Elli's death certificate while omitting essential data. Coincidence brought me together with two men who had worked for Deaconess Security and present May 2, 1981. Both expressed relief to relate to me their observations that caused them to disbelieve the cause of Elli's death to have been a suicide. One of them summoned by a nurse to Elli's office to "officially record the time of opening his door, although it was apparent (to him) that she had to have been inside already, given her behavior." As suspect as was the reason and the mode of Elli's alleged suicide, so were the ever-mounting questions. The file I went to pick up from the law office on a workman's comp case I eventually filed and which was denied, missed crucial documents as well as the tape with testimonies by the two witnesses. Why was this evidence removed and who had it been given to? Elli's adversary Peter B. up and left when the claim was filed, not only the job he was given literally over Elli's dead body, but the hospital and Massachusetts altogether, after having lived here all his life. Why?

William Hogen, Homicide Investigator at the DA's office, who reviewed Elli's file told me: "Get an SOB lawyer." But I had worn out my heart and shoes running from authority to authority. Another lawsuit was not what I wanted. I had children to raise and jobs to manage. In 2018 I wrote to DA Conley, begging him to investigate Elli's death prior to leaving his post to give us closure but he never answered my letters. The white wall protecting hospital transgressions is particularly resistant here due to Massachusetts politics, as I learned. Nevertheless, I have written to Conley's successor DA Rollins, appealing to her commitment to reform our criminal justice system and I am again waiting to hear whether she will finally investigate the facts of this 40-year conspiracy. To our family Elli's death is acute, devastating and unexplained.

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DRACUT CONNECTION

Good Reasons to Reject Phil Thibault, Again

Brian Genest
DRACUT COLUMNIST

When I make a mistake, I admit it. Three years ago, I said Phil Thibault wasn't a bad guy. I was wrong.

Don't blame me for the confusion; blame perennial candidate extraordinaire Phil Thibault. He seems to fluctuate between nice guy and total jerk, depending on which year he's running for selectman. It's hard to keep track, considering Phil Thibault has already lost 6 times – in 2005, 2007, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

The voters keep sending the same message, but Phil Thibault doesn't want to hear it, apparently.

Regardless, there are plenty of good reasons for Dracut voters to reject Phil Thibault, again.

Here's three: This year, Phil Thibault appears more angry and bitter than ever when it comes to our town, his opponent and even the town manager's search that everyone put in the rearview mirror last year, except Phil Thibault and his friends.

Here's what the Lowell Sun said when Phil Thibault lost his selectman's race last year.

"It just might be that in Thibault's case, familiarity breeds more contempt than content.

Buoyed by the backing of several town influencers – including former selectmen – one would have thought it was his election to lose, which he did.

It could also be payback for the decision by that screening panel he ran not to put interim – now permanent – Town Manager Ann Vandal on the list of finalists for that position."

Nonetheless, Phil Thibault continues to align himself with some of the most nasty and negative voices in our town, those who do nothing for Dracut except try to tear it down.

John Zimini is one of Phil Thibault's attack dogs. For years, John Zimini has used his cable TV "shows" as a political weapon, attacking elected officials, town employees, private citizens, business owners – anyone he pleases and without consequences, so far, from Comcast, DATV or the ratepayers who fund his tirades and smear campaigns.

And Phil Thibault has been an active participant in that circus for years. Phil Thibault sits on the same stage with John Zimini, Gordy Scott and others, grinning and nodding his head in agreement. Other times, Phil Thibault just sits there silently, instead of speaking up when good people are being trashed.

John Zimini calls people sleazy, corrupt and many other things. He talks about back room deals, political patronage and insider politics. His hypocrisy is stunning. Remember when John Zimini, then a Dracut selectman, was included in a flurry of news article in the Boston press in January 2012? He'd probably like you to forget.

Google "John Zimini" and you'll find a bunch of published reports about his dealings with former Lt. Governor Tim Murray and former Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Mike McLaughlin, one of his friends who went to federal prison.

In the Boston Herald, Howie Carr wrote a column about Tim Murray's ever-changing story about his 108-mile-per-hour crash, that said "Then there are his shifting stories about the aforementioned Mike McLaughlin. He knew him well enough to obtain a hack job for his son (who has since been fired) and for a friend, one John Zimini, who has likewise been booted from the public trough."

According to an expose in the Boston Globe, "McLaughlin reveled in his proximity to power, say his former employees, and the help he could get from the lieutenant governor. Murray once angrily called former labor secretary Suzanne Bump when she fired one of McLaughlin's old friends, John Zimini, according to someone who was briefed about the call. Murray later helped Zimini find a new job at a quasi-public state agency. In addition, Murray recommended people to housing authority boards on McLaughlin's word, giving McLaughlin added clout."

RedMass Group published campaign contributions from OCPF records showing that John Zimini, his wife and his daughter each donated $500 to Tim Murray shortly before John Zimini was hired at MassHousing in 2010.

Speaking of housing, don't forget the scandal at the Dracut Housing Authority and the 217 phone calls between John Zimini and Mike McLaughlin. According to the Sun, "Zimini did not return multiple calls seeking comment for this story."

Meanwhile, Phil Thibault recently said Dracut is starting to rot. He and John Zimini should look in the mirror. Thibault has benefitted financially from his affiliation with Dracut Access Television (DATV).

As reported in the Lowell Sun, Phil Thibault and his friends passed a confidentiality agreement to place a shroud of secrecy over DATV. As a member of the Board of Directors, I'm not able to publicly discuss any DATV matters, including my own votes. Thanks to the First Amendment, however, I'm able to tell you that Phil Thibault is lazy, mean-spirited, vindictive and self-serving. Those are some of the nicer things I can say about Phil Thibault, based on the way I've seen him conduct himself.

Dracut deserves better than a political lackey like Phil Thibault.

-- Brian Genest is chairman of the Dracut Republican Town Committee. ◊

WEATHER 101 with AL KAPRIELIAN

The Last Month of Spring

Welcome to May and the last full month of the spring season. During May the days continue to get longer and the nights shorter. Also, daily high temperatures increase as we go through May due to the sun angle continuing to get higher and more direct. We can reach 90 degrees in May especially away from the coast most especially the south coast, Cape Cod & the Islands.

These locations remain much cooler due to the still chilly ocean waters. During May as the trees continue to bloom with their leaves, pollen levels can rise significantly especially if there is a stretch of days with no rain.

Recapping April we saw some chilly days at the start of the month and also around the middle of the month. Snow occurred in April on the 16th. The heaviest snowfall occurred over the higher terrain areas like the Berkshire, Worcester hills, Monadnock region of New Hampshire as well as northern New Hampshire.

Due to the time of year, the snow was wet and heavy. Many high terrain areas saw over 8" of wet and heavy snow. Some areas saw 12-14". Due to the weight of the snow on trees and power lines, this caused numerous power outages as the heavy snow caused tree branches and power lines to fall. Mostly rain fell in the lower elevations, however, some light snow accumulation did occur. Prior to this we saw some warm weather on April 10th. This was one of the warmest days of the month with many areas away from the south coast, Cape Cod & the Islands getting into the upper 70s. A cold front came through on April 21st late in the day.

Prior to the cold frontal passage, temperatures reached the low 70s. Severe weather occurred ahead of the cold front with an EFO tornado occurring at 2:49pm April 21st in Kent Connecticut which is located near the New York border in western Litchfield County. E stands for Enhanced. FO is the weakest tornado on the Fujita scale. An F5 tornado is the highest on the scale and the most destructive.

On April 21st in our area, we did see some downpours along with thunder and lightning. Most of the severe weather occurred in western Massachusetts and Connecticut where the atmosphere was more favorable for the development of severe weather. Behind the cold front, very windy and cold air moved in during the night of April 21st into the 22nd. Clouds with some peeks of sun occurred with chilly temperatures on April 22nd.

We even saw some snow flurries on that day due to moisture streaming in off the Great Lakes. During the last week in April, summer warmth was over much of the eastern United States, Mid-Atlantic region, westward through Ohio into the Midwest states but did not make it into our region.

The warm front stalled to our south & west. On Tuesday April 27th, high temperatures reached well into the 70s to near 80 degrees in Connecticut. This warm air with the feel of summer was blocked by an old storm in the Canadian Maritimes.

Upper-level winds out of the northwest around the storm to our northeast ran parallel to the warm front causing it to stall and not make it through our part of New England. Temperatures stayed in the 50s on the north/northeast side of the front especially along the coast with winds blowing off the cold ocean.

Ocean temperatures in late April were still in the middle 40s. A low pressure system moving along this stalled stationary front gave parts of New England some beneficial rain on Thursday April 29th. The heaviest rain occurred in areas along and especially north of the MA Pike.

This is where the rising motion of the air (lift) was more enhanced north of the stalled stationary front. Remember the more the air rises the more rain occurs due to condensation. Much less rain occurred south of the MA Pike including Cape Cod & the Islands. On the last day of the month on April 30th this low pressure and its associated cold front moved away from our area.

We saw drier, however, very windy conditions during the afternoon with some areas in Massachusetts gusting to 50 miles per hour and higher. These strong winds did cause some trees and power lines to fall resulting in some power outages.

The reason for the strong winds was that the low-pressure system that gave us the rain really became intense as it got into the Canadian Maritimes. As April came to a close, we saw some chilly temperatures along with the strong winds. As is typical in the spring we can get into a blocking pattern in relation to the upper-level winds.

With the blocking pattern, high pressure in the upper atmosphere gets stuck (stalls) in the North Atlantic Ocean up into Greenland. This block in the upper levels causes the jet stream to track south of us putting us on the north, chilly and at times wet side of the Jet Stream. Will this blocking pattern weaken and break down in May so we can get into the summer warmth with high temperatures in the 70s and 80s?

Stay tuned to next month's article for the answer. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the spring season!!! ◊

Anthony Holloway of Methuen Pleads Guilty to Distributing Fentanyl

BOSTON – A Methuen man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston to fentanyl distribution charges.

Anthony Holloway, 39, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute fentanyl. U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young scheduled sentencing for April 26, 2022, when Holloway is set to complete the Court-run RISE (Repair, Invest, Succeed, Emerge) Program, which is designed to aid in the rehabilitation of applicable defendants who have pleaded guilty and are under pretrial supervision prior to sentencing. In December 2019, Holloway was arrested and charged with co-defendant Steven Perez, who was sentenced in February 2021 to 70 months in prison.

Over the course of several months, agents investigated Perez and Holloway's fentanyl distribution operation. Perez and Holloway sold fentanyl to a confidential informant. Upon an execution of a search warrant at Perez's residence, agents seized 61 grams of fentanyl.

The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute fentanyl carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and a fine of up to $1 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip C. Cheng of Mendell's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

Mayor Neil Perry joined local dignitaries, school officials, family, and friends were on hand last month for the dedication of Dan Ford Field at Nicholson Stadium on April 23rd. The field was dedicated to Dan Ford, a 1988 Methuen high school graduate and standout multi-sport athlete. Dan passed away in 2009 after a long battle with cancer. A special thank you to City Councilor Joel Faretra who spearheaded the dedication, and Dan Ford's older brother, Mike. Methuen Athletic Director Matt Curran hosted the proceedings. It was a wonderful tribute to a special athlete and person. After the formal dedication, the Ford family and their many friends were able to gather on the field in memory and tribute. Dan Ford was also the son of famed political and talk show host Ronnie Ford who served on the Methuen City Council, School committee, and Vocational school committee.

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TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

We want to welcome Santiago Reyes Cruz, Jr. of Lawrence to the Valley Patriot family! A hero army veteran, Cruz purchased stock in Valley Patriot, Inc. last month and is a welcome addition to paper. The majority of shares in The Valley Patriot are still owned by Tom Duggan, but we are always willing to make shares available to anyone who wants to buy in as a minority share holder. Santiago has been tasked with being our liason with local non profits in our efforts to help hero veterans and the homeless.

ANOTHER LAWSUIT PUT TO BED

We are happy to announce this month that The Valley Patriot has put yet another law suit behind us. The most recent suit (filed in 2017 by a local politician alleging slander and libel) never made it to trial.

Last month, the suit was settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

As a First Amendment activist, I never worry about losing a case when we get sued. I never worry about the bogus stories in other publications, the time spent with lawyers or in court, and I rarely lose sleep over the details of what is being alleged. The First Amendment is something I take very seriously and am always willing to fight for it, even at great personal cost.

The only thing I ever care about when faced with a First Amendment lawsuit is keeping my word and protecting our sources who wish to remain anonymous. In Massachusetts, there is no "shield law" protecting the sources of reporters or other types of journalists. This needs to change because it discourages whistleblowers from coming forward to expose wrongdoing of all kinds. I will be filing a bill at the State House through Senator DiZoglio and Representative Minicucci in the coming months to try and rectify that situation.

I am happy to say that over the 17 years of getting sued by multiple parties, none of our sources have ever been in danger of being identified. When I give my word, I keep it. It's the only thing that matters to me and everyone else who works at The Valley Patriot. That's why we call it the Valley Patriot family. We have your back. Though many have tried to bankrupt this newspaper or silence us with various legal actions, we have never lost a lawsuit, and we are still here. We have a perfect track record, and as a side note, we have Attorney Peter Caruso of Andover to thank for it.

LAWRENCE'S ACTING MAYOR MAKES RACIST COMMENTS TO DISTRACT FROM LAWRENCE'S FAILURES

It's hard to deny with a straight face that the Lawrence Public Schools are an abysmal failure. After being so consistently incompetent that the state had to take over for chronic underperformance, you might think that the Lawrence Schools were finally headed in the right direction. But you would wrong. The fact is, Lawrence schools have been underperforming and robbing Latino children of an adequate education since I sat on the Lawrence School Committee in 1996. It has consistently gotten worse since then.

One of the reasons why the Lawrence Schools are so bad is because the "leaders" in Lawrence - whenever faced with the reality of their failures - always distract from those failures with cries of "racism" and playing the victim.

So was the case this month when a member of the Massachusetts board of education rightfully called Lawrence educators to task for chronically failing the children of Lawrence.

Last month, State Board of Ed member Michael Moriarty said that they were not lowering the standards for Lawrence anymore and will not be changing standards to help Lawrence pretend they are making progress anymore. Moriarty correctly pointed out that Lawrence, "for a period of time now that we [the board] have been unable to take the kind of actions that are necessary because of the deep inequities that exists from one district to a next; we know they can't change themselves 'cause they never do."

Moriarity was factually 100% correct. For all the billions of dollars that have been pumped into the Lawrence Public School system since 1996 there has been no significant improvement in the education our public schools are providing to the children of Lawrence. It's not racism holding these kids back, its not lack of funding.

Knowing this, Lawrence's Acting Mayor Vasquez - a committed defender of the status quo - wasted no time accusing Moriarty of racism to distract from the failures of the Lawrence Public Schools. In a public statement Vasquez said;

"His words have acted as a dog whistle and what you really want to say is that 'immigrants are lazy people who do not care about education'. To insinuate that Lawrence Public Schools cannot change because of our past or our current status is offensive."

Vasquez offered no evidence of racism, or that Moriarty thought "immigrants are lazy", he simply saw the color of his skin and attacked him as a racist because he said what Vasquez didn't want to hear.

Vasquez didn't commit to turning around the schools, he didn't offer any solutions, he just relied on the "dog whistle" propaganda hoping all this will just go away. [A "dog whistle" is what political activists call a veiled racist statement meant only for those fellow racists to get the message, while everyone else only hears a benign statement.]

Yet there was nothing veiled or racist about the comments Moriarty made.

If Acting Mayor Kendrys Vasquez was a REAL leader, he would have acknowledged the failures of the Lawrence Public Schools (past and present) and then looked for ways to improve those failures. If he was a real leader and not a shill for political insiders, he would have issued a public statement committing to improve the education Lawrence kids are getting (or not getting as the case has it).

Instead, Vasquez took the cowards way out. He tried to undermine the truth by launching a racist attack against Moriarty because he is white, hoping people will be distracted from his own culpability as an elected official for the last 8 years.

This is why government never solves any real problems, especially in Lawrence.

The real racism here is the low expectations of failure held by the Lawrence Teachers Union, members of the Lawrence School Committee, the Lawrence Mayor (who heads the school committee) and the city councilors who blindly approved the Lawrence School Budget for decades without even one question or revision.

Their actions show that they believe Lawrence kids are just not as smart as kids from Andover or North Andover.

What Kendryz Vasquez accuses Moriarty of doing is what he is guilty of himself - racism.

If he really cared about the children of

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the Lawrence Public Schools, he would not be so eager to make excuses for those who hold the racist view that Latino kids from Lawrence just aren't as smart as kids in other communities like Andover and North Andover.

Why is it that kids in North Andover get a far better education than kids in Lawrence? It's not because Latinos are stupid. It's not because white kids are smarter. And it's certainly not a lack of resources, as Lawrence gets about 150% of their school spending budget from the state and federal government. They have literally received billions of dollars over the last 30 years with nothing at all to show for it.

No, the excuses for Lawrence's failures just don't work anymore. Lawrence kids deserve the same level of education as the kids in Andover and North Andover.

What's holding them back are those so called "leaders" who would rather play race politics and talk about "dog whistles" than hold the teachers and administrators accountable for kids who can't read. Period, full stop. But, I guess that takes work. It's hard. So, the default position for most Lawrence officials, is to whine that they are being picked on because of race. That is one sure way to make sure nothing will ever change. The headlines go from "Lawrence Fails Their School Children" to "RACISM". And we all know which headline sells more papers.

We hope the people of Lawrence are smart enough to elect a new mayor this year who gets it. Someone who will look at Lawrence's failures and stop making excuses. Someone who is committed to fixing problems and holding people accountable for the blatant and obvious failures of the Lawrence Public Schools.

MAKE RANDY HAGGAR CHIEF IN METHUEN

While it is more than puzzling to me that the mayor of Methuen hired a temporary police chief who has no arrest powers and isn't even a police officer, what is not in question is who should get the permanent job when the search is over. Captain Randy Haggar has been active in the community for decades and has a unique understanding of how police administration works. Haggar has the respect of his fellow officers and also has a firm grasp of the dirty politics that go on in city hall, something a chief from outside the department will never be able to navigate while trying to run the department. Given how poorly he has been treated by the current city council and several other political figures, it only seems right that Haggar ascend to the position of permanent chief. I suspect it's for those very reasons he will never be chosen.

PLAYING GAMES WITH VACCINE HESITANCY "STUDY"

CNN has been wall to wall with "coverage" of a new "study" which (supposedly) shows that most people who won't take the COVID vaccine are "Republicans"! What they don't tell you is that this "study" didn't poll people who are not registered to vote and they didn't poll people who are voters registered as independents. This the game the propagandists play when they want to attack their political enemies. They commission a bogus study that only measures half the equation, and then use the "study" as a political weapon. In this case, it was so CNN can pretend that the only people who are "hesitant" to take the vaccine are just crazy right-wing lunatics who supported Donald Trump. The fact is, people who don't vote distrust the government far more than evil, right wing Trump supporters. But that didn't fit the political agenda of CNN.

DEMOCRATS TO BAN MENTHOL CIGARETTES - FOR THE CHILDREN!

So let me see if I have this right. Various states have officially approved the legalization of psychedelic mushrooms, heroin, cocaine, marijuana and various other drugs. Some states are even setting drug dealers free from prison. And while all this is going on, there is a big push by President Biden and the Democrat Party to ban menthol cigarettes. Here in Massachusetts, our feckless lawmakers already did that saying they banned menthols because "children are more attracted to menthol cigarettes" and of course this would start them on the path to smoking.

"Well, the studies show it" one of our local lawmakers said indignantly - as if using the word "study" gives it immediate legitimacy. Yet, these same leaders are allowing the sale of weed-laced gummy bears, and various other candy-based drugs for sale to the public.

In the March 2017 edition of this newspaper, we published an opinion piece regarding former Methuen Mayor Jim Jajuga. With the benefit of time to reflect on this material there were statements in that column that did not reflect the facts. We regret that.

So, we know they are lying when they give any reason at all to ban menthol cigarettes because we know kids are much more attracted to CANDY than menthol cigarettes. This push to ban menthols is really a test case so that they can later ban cigarettes altogether. If our politicians succeed in banning a certain type of cigarette, it paves the way to ban all cigarettes, one category at a time.

STATE AGENCY BANS DRUG SNIFFING DOGS FROM TREATMENT FACILITIES

Massachusetts Department of Public Health's (DPH) Bureau of Substance Addiction Services - the state agency which oversees drug treatment facilities - has recently had an epiphany when it comes to protecting the addicts in their care.

Their epiphany came after Kevin Droin of Lawrence and his drug sniffing canines searched state facilities and found a myriad of drugs that were illegally brought in by patients or staff.

Droin's success has apparently ruffled some feathers at the state level who have now issued a new policy banning drug searches of the families, obviously because the amount of drugs found in these faculties is making important people look bad.

If you want to know why government officials never solve any real problems, this is a great example.

There is no good reason to stop private canine searches in local treatment faculties run by the state. The Valley Patriot received a copy of a letter from Deirdre Calvert, LICSW, Director of the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services. This memo is rife with political double speak and fake concern for "privacy" and ensuring the "dignity" of the people they serve. What it didn't explain in any meaningful way, was a legitimate reason to stop doing drug searches when they have just recently shown to be highly successful. Maybe because there isn't one. The only reason Deirdre Calvert, LICSW, Director of the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services is standing in the way of ridding faculties of illegal drugs, is because she, and those with power in this agency, just don't want to look bad. In government, it's always better to have addicts sneak drugs into a treatment facility and put other people's lives in jeopardy, than to admit there is a problem and do something to solve it. To do that, someone has to be held accountable and we all know that the words "accountability" and "government official" rarely go in the same sentence. Here's hoping that state reps. Lenny Mirra, Christina Minicucci, Marcos Devers, Frank Moran, and Linda Campbell can get to the bottom of this cover-up and put a stop to it. It's clear nobody at Department of Public Health is going to do it.

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DCF Must be Reformed

Hello Valley Patriot Readers,

In late March, we were all devastated to learn of the tragedy involving David Almond, the 14-year-old autistic boy who died last October after being found living in abhorrent conditions.

Fall River police went to the Almond house after receiving a report of an unresponsive person. There, officers found David, bruised, emaciated and living in squalor under the care of his father, who, alongside his girlfriend, were arrested and indicted on charges of second-degree murder.

The loss of David's life was completely preventable and the result of a series of systemic breakdowns over a long period of time. These missteps were highlighted in a recent report by the Office of the Child Advocate that shined a spotlight on the state Department of Children and Families' (DCF) failed response to a series of red flags, including forgoing an investigation when an anonymous tip alleged neglect in the Almond household.

DCF had long been involved with the Almond household, removing David and his brothers from their father's care in 2017. Yet, they would return to Fall River last year, just as the COVID-19 pandemic hit. DCF's supervision over the reunification was negligible, as they conducted only virtual visitation and did not bother to follow up when David and his brothers did not return to school. DCF also failed to investigate injuries David suffered, involving a wound to his face.

DCF's complete failure to protect David was not only unacceptable – it was shameful.

There is no shortage of reforms to be implemented.

For one, the current workforce training curriculum to assess safety and risks to a family is clearly not working and must be overhauled. DCF workers need access to better training in helping children with disabilities who, all too often, are more likely to be maltreated than those without disabilities. There seemed to be no understanding from DCF of the impact David's disability would play.

Several bills have been filed this session around reform at DCF.

House Bill 88, An Act relative to accountability for vulnerable children and families, establishes a "bill of rights" to help recruit and retain foster parents, updates reunification reviews and requires DCF to establish a formal review policy that creates a managerial review process prior to a decision to reunify children. The bill also requires DCF to notify a child or young adult's attorney of changes in placement or if the child or young adult is involved in a 51A abuse or neglect report, and the agency under the bill is also required to review policies to improve protocol for complex cases involving multiple social workers and area offices.

Senate Docket 2581, An Act to protect children, would require DCF to conduct a comprehensive review of the department's practices related to individuals with disabilities and develop a policy to promote positive changes; develop a new reunification policy by setting minimum standards that must be met; review current processes for safety assessment and then develop an evidenced-based process for assessing safety issues, with minimum set standards; and develop guidance and training for their workforce with specific set written standards and policies.

Our youngest and most vulnerable need our help and we need to take bold action. These are just some of the reforms that must be implemented at DCF and I will continue to push hard for their passage.

If you have questions about this or any other issue, please contact me and my team anytime via email at diana.dizoglio@masenate.gov or phone 978-984-7747.

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Big Tech Censorship

Those of you who follow Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan on Facebook know that for the last 30 days he has been in "Facebook Jail" because Facebook executives didn't like the post above, his account has been locked so that he cannot post, like, share, or communicate in any way on Facebook until May 15th.

The post was a Wall Street Journal report, showing that officials in the South American nation of Chile have found that the vaccines they are getting from CHINA are not effective at the stopping the Chinese Coronavirus.

The excuse Facebook gave for censoring Duggan was that his post "might discourage people from taking the vaccine", which might hold water if Duggan lived in Chile and had an audience in Chile higher than zero, but he doesn't.

What's most troubling is that Facebook censors are now so employing the tactics of their Chinese communist business partners and will use any excuse they can to silence any criticism of China.

Last January, Duggan was locked out of his account for posting a news story from ABC News about the woman who was shot and killed by police during the siege of the U.S. Capitol.

Their excuse on that one was that the news photo was "too graphic". Even though the news story was posted on the ABC news website and ABC's Facebook page. When we checked the ABC News Facebook page after Duggan was banned, we found that the story was still up and had thousands of shares. Looking at the pages of some of the people who shared the news story, none of them had the post taken down and none of them were locked out of their accounts.

The worst part of big tech censorship is that their so called "community standards" are vague and inconsistent. Nobody knows exactly what the rules are, and we suspect that's on purpose. This way, the censors at Facebook can silence anything or anyone they feel they want to, whenever they feel like it, even when others have posted the same thing with no consequences.

This seems like Facebook is not really censoring content but singling out users who do hold the same left-wing extremist views as the tech titans who run these social media platforms.

Big Tech monopolies are proving with their dictatorial policies just how important print newspapers, like this one, are.

They can censor what you post online, but they cannot censor the written word.◊

RESTAURANTS: FROM PAGE 5

every booth, giving us maximum privacy. For us that's huge. Any time we can find a restauant that has seating which keeps us away from other people, it's a big bonus. But it's even better when we find a place that offers almost exclusive privacy at our booth, and Joe Fish did that.

Prior to the lockdowns we used to get the fried fisherman's platter and noticed it wasn't on the menu anymore. The only thing listed was a baked platter.

When the waitress took our order, I told her I liked it better when they had the fried platter on the menu and she said it was no problem, they would be happy to make it for me. I had to order the clams separately, but I was thrilled that they were willing to make something not on the menu.

While we were still not happy with the fact that they are still serving baby scallops (deep sea is the way to go 100% of the time) the platter was still great.

The portions were big, the appetizers were great, and the service was exceptional. Most of the restaurants we visited in the last month were very inattentive, and seemed like they couldn't get away from our table fast enough.

At one restaurant, I still had two more things I was going to order besides the meal, but after the waitresses heard my meal order they fled our table so fast we thought there was a fire. That wasn't a problem at Joe Fish.

Despite the fact that we were there on a Saturday night and they were very busy, our waitress spent a lot of time with us, she was on top of everything from keeping our glasses full, to making sure that we got milk for our coffee instead of cream (something most restaurants get wrong).

We were so happy with our experience that we actually went back a few days later for steamers and lobster and again it

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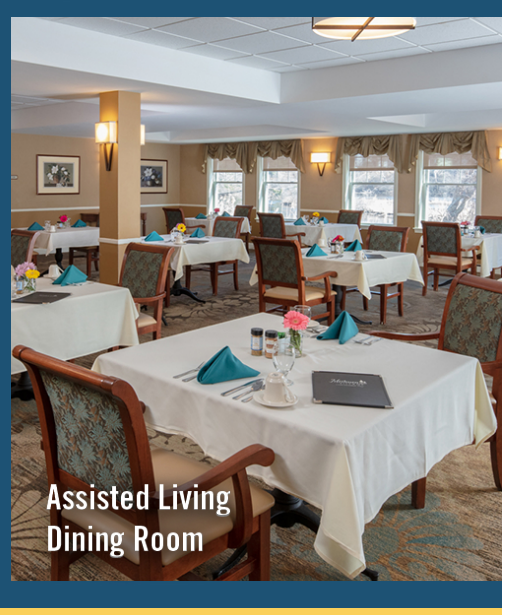
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HERO: FROM PAGE 1

Landing Ship). It took the LST twelve days to sail from California to Hawaii. In Hawaii they were sent to a Troop Transport, the USS Ormsby, heading to invade Kwajalein Atoll. The US Marines took the island after heavy fighting, and Beach Party Team 12 did not have to go ashore. The team rotated back to Hawaii for "rest and relaxation" (also known as R&R), then were loaded onto the USS Neville for the invasion of Saipan, in June of 1944, with the Second Marine Division. They landed at the south end of the island, so the Marines could capture a vital Japanese Airfield. Each night the ship moved out into deep water to bury the American dead at sea. After Saipan, it was back to Hawaii for two weeks R&R.

Arthur was assigned to a mine laying vessel, PCS-1379. "PCS" is short for Patrol Craft Mine Sweeper, Quincy, Massachusetts native Lieutenant E. U. O'Donnell USN-R was the commanding officer. With a crew of seventy, led by three US Navy Officers, the boat was very heavily armed for its small crew and size, with one .50 caliber machine gun, one 40 mm gun, two 20 mm guns, four depth charge projectors, one Hedgehog anti-submarine mortar, and two depth charge tracks. This formable array of weapons was crammed into a boat only 136' long.

US Navy Signalman First Class Arthur Ducharme's last battle was the invasion of Okinawa during April of 1945. The Japanese defended their home islands with deadly Kamikaze planes and subs. After the invasion of Okinawa, (on Arthur's birthday April 1, 1945) the island was secured on June 21, 1945. Arthur was sent back to Hawaii for two weeks R&R. After President Harry Truman dropped the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, and Japan surrendered, Arthur having seven dependents, a mother and seven siblings, was one of the first servicemen in the Pacific Theater to be demobilized.

After the war, Arthur worked for Merrimack MFG, making velvet. He then joined the staff of the now University of Massachusetts at Lowell,

Massachusetts, working as a watchman, Campus Police officer, and finally retiring as the school's carpenter. He and his wife Mildred were married fifty-nine years, she died at the age of eighty-four. The couple has four children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Truly a "Hero in Our Midst"!

The Dracut American Legion asks all World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans, to call (603) 518-5368 and sign up for an Honor Flight to the Memorials in Washington DC! Veterans of all eras are asked to go the American Legion's Web site www.legion.org, and join the American Legion, preserving our Veteran's Benefits for future generations.

John Cuddy served in the US Navy's Construction Battalions (also known as the Seabees) after retiring from the Navy; he earned a bachelor's in history and a master's in economics from the University of Massachusetts on the Lowell Campus. He has been employed in Logistics at FedEx for the last 24 years. If you know a World War II veteran who would like their story told, please email him at John.Cuddy@Yahoo.com. ◊

Keeping your Wellness Goals On Spring Break

Rick Bellanti
VALLEY PATRIOT REPORTER

Spring break is an exciting time for both adults and kids, keeping to your wellness goals can be just as fun and diets shouldn't ruin your vacations.

Going on vacation doesn't have to be the end of your healthy lifestyle, don't throw all your hard work away, just because you are in a different environment. It's all about taking the time and planning in advance. Not only did I plan well, but something I didn't realize was how much money I was saving from not buying that unhealthy quick service food in the parks. I understand guests want their food fast so they can eat on the go and get to the next attraction. I planned my meals well in advance and brought my stuff on the road with me daily and actually lost 4 lbs. while on vacation.

I've been following a very high protein diet, which combines protein shakes along with a balanced fork and knife meal as well as healthy snacks throughout the day. I found it really easy to drink my morning shake before I left the hotel room every morning. I brought along a shaker bottle to mix my second shake for later on in the day, but it also doubled as a great water bottle and every chance I had I would stop and fill it up with ice and water.

For snack options I brought along protein bars and if you don't have any on hand, you can generally find them at certain places now in a pinch like a gas station or grocery store. Just watch out for high sugar and high carb ones, stick to ones with high protein and high fiber as well as low or no sugar (watch out for the hidden artificial sugars). I also brought along healthy snacks like raw almonds to munch on (almonds keep you feeling full and studies have found may have a beneficial impact on heart health and cholesterol), and fruit, like apples and pears. In the evenings I had a sit-down meal keeping it around 500-600 calories. Have you noticed that chain restaurants such as Applebee's and Denny's have the calories for each meal right on the menu? It seems everyone wants to help you stay on track and make good choices, it's up to you to make the right decisions.

Even if you decide not to bring your own food on the road with you, theme parks such as Walt Disney World Resort, SeaWorld and Universal Studios have been getting on board with the healthy food changes and offer an assortment of healthy alternatives with their kid's meals such as grapes, apple slices and carrot sticks so with these on hand I always ask to purchase a few for myself. The good thing is they come in neat sealed little baggies so you can take them on the go and enjoy them while standing in long lines at ride attractions and keeping you away from all the popcorn, ice cream and cotton candy temptations.

Once again, I have mentioned before, if you have to stop at these roadside convenience stores and gas stations to use the facilities or need a "Road Snack" while traveling, you may notice that a lot of these places are starting to carry some healthy options for us that are trying to ignore the Hostess cupcake aisle. For example, most now have a small refrigerated section, where you can fine apples, oranges, bananas and some places have cups of already cut up fruit, with grapes and berries. If you are really lucky, they have pre made salads, individual cups of hummus and healthy prepackaged sliced turkey.

Going on vacation means having fun with your family and friends, spending time together and having fun visiting everything from theme parks, zoos, beaches etc. It doesn't mean you have to

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make bad food choices, but you should start thinking about changing your thoughts on food. I changed my way of thinking after years of making bad food choices: Food is fuel for your body to help your body function properly. Think of it as you need to eat to live not live to eat.

Rick Bellanti is a wellness columnist and is on a journey himself to lose 240lbs, and has lost 140lbs since the start of 2015. If you have any questions or comments, please post them to his Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti Facebook page and once a month he will address a few of the topics here. ◊

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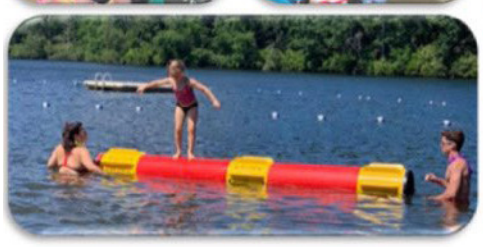

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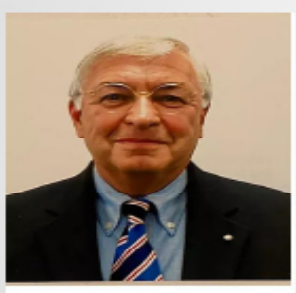

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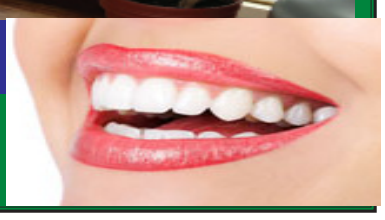

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Bill's TV Talk Mailbag

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

From time to time, my column will feature questions asked by readers regarding the world of TV. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have about TV at BillsTVTalk@gmail.com, and I'll do my best to answer you and may feature your question in a future column. Here's what we got!

I really enjoyed the first 2 seasons of 'Mindhunter' on Netflix. I haven't heard of a 3rd season coming. I hope that it hasn't been cancelled. What do you hear? - Manuel from Nashua

After season 2, the show's creator, David Fincher had no interest in continuing the series, so all the actors were released from their contracts. It looked like that was the end of the show. However, Fincher signed an exclusive four-year deal with Netflix late last year that has so far resulted in the Academy Award-nominated film 'Mank,' and now comes word that Fincher has a renewed excitement for a 3rd season of 'Mindhunter' and talks have begun to bring the series back. So hopefully we will see a new season in the future.

Hi Bill, I enjoy reading your column, but I always wonder why you never give a negative review to anything? Your reviews are always positive. Certainly, that doesn't mean that you like everything, right? - Christine from Salisbury.

Thanks Christine. I actually get asked this question a lot. The truth is that there is a lot that I don't like on TV, believe me. But I'd rather spend my column recommending things for people to watch and not a show that I'm bashing. It's much better to share shows that I really enjoy with people, rather than shows that I don't.

I recently discovered a terrific show on Netflix called 'Master of None.' I noticed that the last season of the show was 4 years ago. Are there any plans to have more seasons? – Mary from Haverhill

I agree Mary, it is a terrific show, and yes, a 3rd season of the show finished filming in London in January. The series star and creator, Aziz Ansari, has written and directed the season, however his character of Dev will reportedly only play a minor role in these new episodes. Instead, the season will center on Lena Waithe's character, Denise. It's slated to return to Netflix on May 23.

During the Super Bowl I saw an ad for something that looked like another 'Yellowstone' series. Was I seeing things? What can you tell me about it? – Matt from Dracut

No, you definitely weren't seeing things, a prequel to 'Yellowstone' is forthcoming. 'Y: 1883' will premiere later this year on Paramount's new streaming service, Paramount +. According to press release from Paramount "Y: 1883 follows the Dutton family as they embark on a journey west through the Great Plains toward the last bastion of untamed America. It is a stark retelling of Western expansion, and an intense study of one family fleeing poverty to seek a better future in America's promised land—Montana." A second spinoff, with the working title '6666,' is in the works too, and rumor has it some of the existing cast members from 'Yellowstone' will star.

I know a lot of shows had to shut down because of the pandemic and most of them are back, but one of my favorites that I haven't heard anything about is Survivor. What's happening with it? - Diane from Chelmsford.

'Survivor' took a long time to get clearance from Fiji to return there for filming. But Fiji finally was able to allow them to return in March and production on the new season began. Look for Season 41 to premiere this fall.

That's it for this mailbag. Thanks for all the questions and keep 'em coming!

If you have any questions about TV, you can email me at BillsTVTalk@gmail.com. I will answer all of your questions and will feature some of the questions I receive in a future Mailbag column.

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Racism and the Constitution

Dani Langevin
LESBIAN COLUMNIST

This is sure to anger some "patriots". We are in turbulent times here in America but, haven't we always been? There is a lot of back and forth on social media, in mainstream media and in the talk on the streets about racism, voter suppression, and white privilege. And of course, the Constitution is brought up multiple times when addressing these issues. I'd like to dissect this.

The Constitution was ratified in 1778. Which was supposed to free ALL Americans and give them equal footing and yet, it did not. For some reason, white Americans thought it only applied to them and this sentiment still exists in many Americans today. Why did it take a war and another 77 years to pass the 13th amendment stating that slavery was abolished? Why did it have to actually be written out explicitly in our founding document? Why wasn't it just a given? Most historians believe it is because the white establishment could not and would not accept the equal status of freedmen. It was unconscionable to many white Americans to consider a black person on the same political, social and economic level as a white person. Again, a sentiment that is still held by many.

It took 86 years to add the 14th Amendment that stated anyone born in the US was a naturalized citizen and has all of the rights protected within the Constitution. Again, why did this have to be stated explicitly? Are Americans that dense? And although this is in our founding document, the US had no trouble passing the Chinese Exclusion Act in less than 100 years after the passage of the 14th and building 10 internment camps during WWII stripping Japanese Americans of all of their Civil Rights, laws banning interracial marriages, homosexual marriages, separate but equal clause, Don't Ask Don't Tell, banning Transgender from the military and on and on. Laws were even passed in places like Indiana making it illegal for anyone to bring a black person into the state. A black couple was fined and arrested for getting married: the man for bringing a black woman into the state from another and the woman for crossing state lines as a black person. Was our Constitution protecting them then? Is it protecting all of us now?

After the Emancipation Proclamation, Civil War, and passage of the 15th amendment (82 years after the ratification of the Constitution) that gave voting rights to black men (women still could not vote), within 7 years over 2,000 black men held office and began making changes to raise the 4 million freedmen out of 300 years of oppression. And that's when white folks started getting really scared. What if more and more blacks get into office? What will happen to us when we lose our power? And that's when voter suppression began. If the Constitution really did protect ALL citizens and their rights, then this suppression would have had no footing. Instead, there was a concerted effort by the white male office holders to change how voting takes place to ensure that whites would remain in power. Identification was required. Identification requires money and literacy. Something that most freedmen did not have, therefore, preventing them from voting in the very people who would represent and speak for them when it came to policy. This is still happening in America today and it's called "securing the ballot". It's really voter suppression.

As it was, white America reacted out of unfounded fear. They were told endless false narratives about the freedmen and immigrants within our borders. Black men were both docile and violent, imbecilic and cunning. Black women were overbearing and overly sexual. The Irish were loud drunks, Chinese were full of disease, Italians were dirty, women were overly emotional lacking intellect. Today, gays and lesbians are sexual predators and will destroy the American family and now transgender people are abhorrent and will ruin sports. These images and messages are imagined and have been ingrained into our very genetics to the point where most can't even recognize their own indoctrinated racism. It's not our fault but, it is if we remain a racist nation.

Does anyone notice that, until recently, there has been little to no disparaging or negative rhetoric about white, straight men? Why not? In 2006 Tarana Burke uttered "Me Too" for the first time. And, for the first time, men (mainly straight white men) were called out for centuries of sexual harassment, abuse, and rape. And boy they did not like it. How dare anyone put men under a microscope! Tucker Carlson (a name I have to choke out) fuels the flames of white supremacy when he states that voter regulations protect the "culture" of America. He's speaking about the preservation white male culture. He's saying, in not so many words, that if we don't "secure" voting that the country as we know it will be altered forever. Is that racist? YES! What are you afraid of? Shifting power? The people we've oppressed for centuries rising up and oppressing us? Not gonna happen. People who have been oppressed, do not oppress. They possess something they're oppressors do not -empathy and compassion. They will not do unto others what others have done unto them.

Our office holders should mirror our country and yet, they are dominated by white straight men. Thirteen percent of our population is black yet, only 9 % of congressmen are black. Five percent of our population is Asian but only 3% of Congress have members of Asian descent. Eighteen percent of America's population is Hispanic yet only 6% of Congress are represented by Hispanic members. If we break it down by party only 1% of Republican Congress is black or American Indian and 4.5% is Hispanic. There is no Asian Pacific Representation for Democrats, 19% are black; almost 6% are Hispanic and Asian Pacific, and 7% are American Indian. Better but, a far cry from representing the American population.

This is no mistake. Policy has kept people of color from being able to acquire and hold these positions. Laws were passed to limit the number of non-white people from entering the country favoring the immigration of white Europeans. Laws were passed to prevent people of color from acquiring education, transportation, healthcare, and opportunities that were taken for granted by the white population without the blink of a conscious

BENEATH THE SURFACE

The Unprincipled Biden

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

It's hard to believ2e so many Americans are expressing surprise at how far Left Joe Biden has turned as president. "I remember him X amount of years ago," one typical political pundit said the other day on TV, "and he never would have said the things he's saying now."

We should only be surprised at their surprise. Joe Biden has proven for decades to have no principles. Someone who goes through the rituals of Catholicism while rejecting most of its fundamental moral teachings has no anchor, foundation, or character. And he governs the country the same way he practices Catholicism, contradicting the Constitution in so many ways while praising it.

This is because Biden's piety it directed to his real religion, Leftist progressivism, ritually practiced in the Democratic Party. The central ritual in this religion is prenatal murder – which one that must adhere to, support, and guard with one's life. This central sacrament of abortion upholds their key dogma that there are (or should be) no differences between the sexes, and that we can recreate ourselves in any way we desire.

The canonized saints of this religion without principles include people like Margaret Sanger, who despised what she called the "undesirables." She promoted contraception to keep the undesirable population at bay, basing the organization she founded on this aim. Planned Parenthood now purposely sets up their killing centers in minority communities to disproportionately kill black and hispanic babies.

Bruce Jenner would have become a contemporary saint in this religion of progressivism, for mutilating himself to pretend he's a woman; but he's committed the mortal sins of voting for Trump and remaining a Republican.

Anyone with an ounce of wisdom can see how Democrats manipulate the emotions of minorities and single women to maintain control over them, and power for themselves.

One mark Joe Biden shares with his Leftist amoral power-based religionists is that he does not seem to be grounded in eternal truths, which are the foundation of moral principles. This is very dangerous for his soul. We must pray for him before he faces God at the moment of death. Progressivism is rooted in an atheistic world view upholding a culture of death. It is directly contrary to truth and love.

So, it's not surprising Joe Biden would change his stands and values over time, when trends become popular with the Left. His political party is his religion. That's what he's most loyal to, as is the case with most Democrats. When it was time to support abortion, Ted Kennedy, Mario Cuomo, and Joe Biden fell in line. When it was time to support so-called same-sex marriage, Hillary, Obama, and Pelosi got on the train. When it became the trend to declare gender fluidity, they all followed the piper from hell like sheep to indignantly support chemical castration and sexual mutilation. Who can forget Biden's awkward, "There's at least three" genders comment to a young reporter during the 2020 campaign? Further, when socialists began calling the shots for the Party of Death, it was time for the fake Catholic president to tell the nation the era of big government has been reinstated.

As some liberal Democrats like Bill Maher, Sarah Silverman, and Naomi Wolf begin to wake up to the grand plan of tyranny that is unfolding at rapid speed, it may be too late to stop it. As a society we've given the Left too much power to deceive and manipulate the masses, and it seems only a divine intervention can stop the great tragedy that lies ahead. Only the prayers and actions of Biden's feigned religion can stop the trajectory of the one he actually practices. It's time for the Catholic Church to call out the Democrat Left with a loud and clear voice; and to refuse its present leader, the anti-Catholic Catholic in the White House, Holy Communion until he repents.

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How Did We Get Here from There?

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God Bless you all in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ! It sure is good to be alive, right now, today! Knowing what the Bible teaches, I couldn't imagine being alive before Jesus Christ's crucifixion. While dying on the cross with one of his last bursts of energy Jesus cried out with a loud shout the words that changed everything, "It Is Finished". What was finished? Our salvation! He fulfilled His purpose which was going about the Father's Business.

This brings me to my question; how did we get here from there? In other words, How Did We Become the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus from being a Sinner? The Bible is very clear, make no mistake, our Salvation and Redemption had nothing to do with us! It was all done by the work of another, it was a Divine Exchange! Jesus took upon himself our sins at the Cross and we were given the Gift of Righteousness!

The Bible says in Romans 3:10, "As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;" NKJV. The Bible further proclaims the shape we were in before coming to Christ in Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," NKJV. This all began with one man's disobedience as it says in Romans 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners…" NKJV. We got there, the state of being sinners, by Adam which is stated in Romans 5:12, "Therefore, just as through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." NKJV.

So, we have seen from scripture that because of Adam we were placed in a state of being sinners therefore, None, Not One Righteous, always falling short of the glory of God. So, we can sum up our condition like this, we are not sinners because we sin, we are sinners because of Adam! We were born like that. The conclusion of the matter, we all need a Savior! We can't save ourselves! We all need to be Born-again!

Thank God He made a way to save us from this condition and that way is our Lord Jesus Christ! The Bible teaches us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." NKJV. And, John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." NKJV Also, we read in 1 Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." NKJV. So, without any doubt, Jesus Christ is our way back to being right with God! There is no other way! Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." NKJV.

As told in Jeremiah 23:5-6, "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." NKJV. God sent His Son and by His obedience, many were made Righteous as stated in Romans 5:19, "For as by one man's [Adam] disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's [Jesus Christ] obedience many will be made righteous." NKJV. It was at the Cross we were made righteous as stated in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For He [GOD] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." NKJV. Ephesians 4:24 adds, "and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth." ASV.

In conclusion, as, we have seen in scripture, how did we get from No Not One being Righteous to many being created in Righteousness and Holiness? The Bible is very clear, Romans 5:17-18, "For if by the one man's offense [Adam] death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore, as through one man's offense [Adam] judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's [Jesus Christ] righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life." NKJV.

Today, because of the Finished Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross, Righteousness, [being right with God] is a gift! All we need to do is believe and receive! Amen!!! Have you been made right with God? Romans 10:9-10, "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." NKJV.

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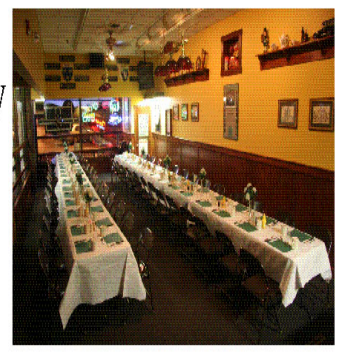

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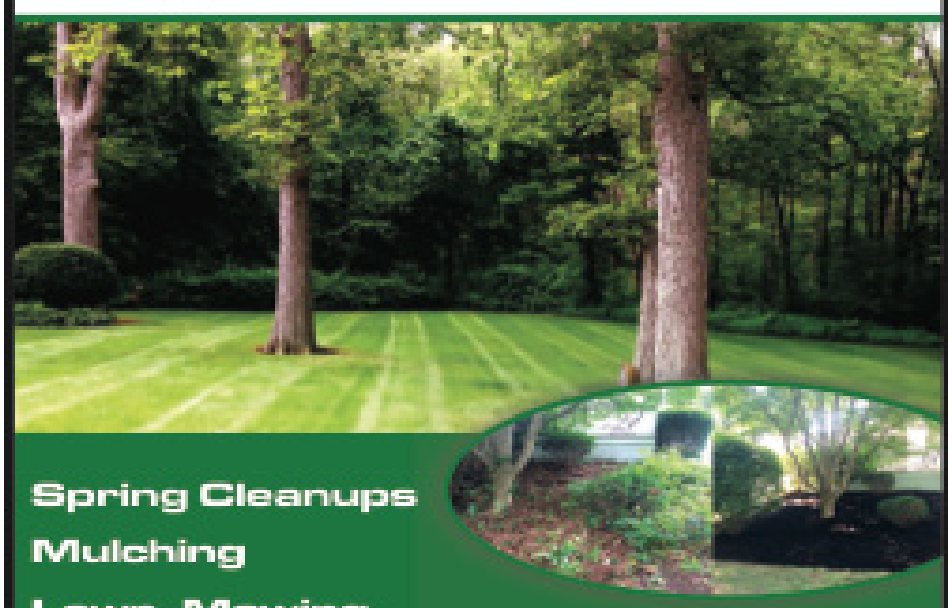
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